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**SUBJECT:** Comments on Department of Water Resources Draft Recommendations  
Integrated Regional Water Management, Region Acceptance Process (RAP)  
Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Region

Dear Mr. Svetich:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) would like to thank the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for recommending that the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay planning region be accepted into the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant program. The MCWRA has cooperated with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to develop the IRWM Plan adopted for the region by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), and is a member of that region's water management group. We are in support of MPWMD's letter of September 21, 2009 seeking confirmation that the region has indeed complied with DWR requirements for timely adoption of its IRWMP.

Our agency was instrumental in developing consensus in the Monterey Bay Region and on the Central Coast regarding approaches to Integrated Regional Water Management Planning under Proposition 50. Those efforts included, but were not limited to, identification of viable regions and designation of lead regional agencies for purposes of both planning and implementation oversight for their respective regions draining into the Greater Monterey Bay area. As one of those regional agency leads for Proposition 50 and a participant in two other regional efforts, it was always our understanding that plan adoption by the regional agency lead would be a qualifying factor for implementation grants. It was and remains our belief that MPWMD is a bona fide regional agency under Proposition 50, and that their adoption in November 2007 meets the test for eligibility for the first, \$100 million round of Proposition 84.

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We hope you will consider this information and determine that this region does have an adopted plan in making the final recommendations for the Region Acceptance Process. If you have questions or comments about this letter, please contact General Manager Curtis Weeks or me at (831) 755-4896.

Sincerely,



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cc: Darby Fuerst, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District